Northwest Territories
Protected Areas Strategy

The red-throated loon (Gavia stellata), the smallest of the loon species found in the Northwest Territories, is a symbol of northern wilderness. With the coming of spring, its muted grays are transformed into distinctive markings and characteristic crimson throat. Highly sensitive to changes in its environment, it prefers small, remote lakes and flourishes in our wild spaces.

Bi-Annual Report

1999–2001

Northwest Territories
Protected Areas Strategy

Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

I am pleased to present the first bi-annual report on the implementation of the NWT Protected Areas Strategy. During the past two years, the Department of Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Development through our Protected Areas Secretariat, has been working with several communities and Aboriginal organizations to identify and advance candidate areas for protection. This report is a testament to the efforts and accomplishments of NWT communities and organizations in taking the lead role on protected areas.

I also commend the Protected Areas Strategy Implementation Advisory Committee for their work on this very important endeavor in making the Protected Areas Strategy a success.

The Government of the Northwest Territories will continue to support the implementation of this Strategy. We are committed to working with the federal government, communities, regional organizations and the land claim bodies to develop a network of representative protected areas. The need to protect our environment and unique ecological, geological, cultural, and historic areas is important to all residents of the Northwest Territories.

I trust you will find the information in this report valuable and interesting.

Sincerely,

Jim Antoine
Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

I am pleased to present the first bi-annual report on the implementation of the Northwest Territories (NWT) Protected Areas Strategy (PAS). This report documents the notable progress being made on the establishment of a network of protected areas in the NWT. It highlights the collaborative efforts and achievements of communities and regional Aboriginal organizations taking a lead role in identifying and evaluating proposed protected areas.

The Government of Canada continues to support the implementation of the NWT Protected Areas Strategy by working closely with communities, regional organizations, industry, environmental non-government organizations and the Government of the Northwest Territories. Creating a network of protected areas for the NWT is a critical component of creating a sustainable future for generations of First Nations, Inuit and Northerners.

I join the Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, in acknowledging and thanking the members of the PAS Implementation Advisory Committee and Secretariat. They have been an integral part of the development of the Protected Areas Strategy, sharing their knowledge and experience, and helping PAS remain an open, transparent and effective process.

Sincerely,

Honorable Robert D. Nault
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Background

Protecting Wild Spaces and Heritage Places. A Uniquely Northern Approach

"The land has always taken care of us. As Dene and Metis people, we are taught to respect the land and all that it offers. As industrial development opportunities open up our land base, we have to look at how to maintain our stewardship of the land. One of the ways we can do this is to identify areas that need special protection because they are so important ecologically or culturally."

Michael Nadli, Grand Chief of Deh Cho First Nations

The Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy (NWT-PAS) is a guide to facilitate the community-based development of a system of protected areas throughout the Northwest Territories. From its beginnings in 1996 when the federal and territorial governments agreed to create a Protected Areas Strategy in the Northwest Territories to its approval in September 1999, and now in its implementation, the NWT-PAS has been unique in its approach to protecting lands. It continues to evolve as more candidate sites are identified, and each community sets its own protection priorities.

> "The Protected Areas Strategy should focus on developing an overall framework and set of criteria to guide the work of identifying and establishing protected areas in the NWT. The task of developing concrete protected area proposals should be left primarily to communities, regional organizations and/or land claim bodies and processes. (PAS pg.8)"

The NWT-PAS has two main goals: protecting special natural and cultural areas in the Northwest Territories and preserving the territory's ecological richness by protecting core representative areas within each ecoregion, (Figure 1, Page 6). The Northwest Territories is a vast mosaic of diverse natural regions, each with its own climate, soils, landforms, vegetation and wildlife. But there is another layer to the land – a deeper tapestry of memories, legends, and history woven into it by the Dene, Metis and Inuvialuit people.

Vision

The NWT-PAS is a guide for making balanced decisions to protect lands using the best available knowledge. It envisions a prosperous future that safeguards special natural and cultural areas for future generations, while keeping resource development options open for the future.

"Our lands and waters sustain all life and are the primary source of spiritual inspiration, education, legends, history and economic well-being. For many Northerners, the land is an integral part of who we are and how we define ourselves."

NWT Protected Areas Strategy Advisory Committee, 1999

NWT-PAS Partners

The NWT-PAS is a partnership of communities, regional organizations, land claim bodies, industry, environmental organizations and governments.

A multi-stakeholder advisory committee guided the development of the NWT-PAS and today, a renewed committee oversees its implementation. The PAS Implementation Advisory Committee is made up of a representative from each of the following organizations:

- Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
- Deh Cho First Nations
- Dogrib Treaty 11 Council
- Akaitcho Treaty 8 Tribal Council
- South Slave Metis Tribal Council
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- NWT Chamber of Mines
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society-NWT Chapter

- World Wildlife Fund Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) as represented by Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED)
- Government of Canada as represented by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND)

A Protected Areas Secretariat provides coordination, funding, technical and administrative support to communities and regional organizations wishing to engage in the NWT-PAS process. Consisting of staff from the GNWT and from DIAND, the Secretariat also monitors and reports on progress, and acts as a point of contact for members of the general public wishing to offer suggestions for establishing protected areas (see Appendix 1).

Implementing the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy

Since the Strategy was approved in 1999, the focus has been on informing communities about the NWT-PAS planning process and supporting community workshops to identify priority areas and values. To date, workshops and open houses have been held in 18 communities and at summer assemblies throughout the Northwest Territories.

The job of initially planning protected areas lies primarily with communities, regional organizations and/or land claim bodies. Exactly how this job will be done varies from region to region due to differences in ecological, cultural and political settings. In more advanced stages, where federal and territorial government legislation is being considered, these governments will take on an increasingly important role. At a general level, there are some common steps that all regions can follow to help advance their protected areas in the most orderly and efficient way possible.

Steps in the NWT-PAS Planning Process

1. Identify priority areas of interest.
2. Prepare and review a protected area proposal at the regional level
3. Review and submit proposal for candidate protected area status
4. Consider/apply interim protection
5. Evaluate candidate area
6. Seek formal establishment of the protected area
7. Approve and designate the protected area
8. Implement, monitor and review the protected area

Interim protection is a temporary measure applied while a decision on the status of an area is being made. By not allowing any new third party interests, interim protection helps to ensure that the special values of the candidate site are not jeopardized during the next steps in the planning process.

Progress Report on NWT-PAS Action Plan Commitments

The NWT-PAS document *A Balanced Approach to Establishing Protected Areas in the Northwest Territories* outlined a number of commitments to guide the work of protecting areas in the Northwest Territories. The following is a record of progress for the period of September 1999 to August 2001. The work plan for this period focused on three key areas:

- Establishing basic building blocks
- Identifying and evaluating potential protected area sites
- Strengthening partnerships for implementation of the NWT-PAS

The status for each stated action step is marked as "Complete", "In Progress" or "Ongoing". "In Progress" means that all objectives for a particular action have not yet been met. "Ongoing" refers to those action commitments that continue through the life of the NWT-PAS.

Establishing Basic Building Blocks

Legislation and regulations are being reviewed and revised to match the needs and priorities of communities, regional organizations and/or land claim bodies as they relate to protected areas. Coordination and cooperation between government institutions with responsibility for terrestrial and marine protected areas is being strengthened. Guidelines for non-renewable resource assessment, interim protection and third party compensation were developed in consultation with NWT-PAS partners.

ACTION COMMITMENT	TIMELINE	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
Encourage territorial and federal government institutions mandated to establish and manage protected areas to develop system plans consistent with the NWT-PAS if these are not already in place.	Ongoing	A system for establishing new national parks is already in place. Parks Canada has agreed to meet the recommendation to include ecological representation of all 39 natural regions. This will contribute to Goal 2 of the NWT-PAS. Canadian Wildlife Service is currently drafting a system plan for identifying and establishing National Wildlife Areas. GNWT has a draft system plan for establishing new territorial parks, and is currently amending territorial parks legislation. The final version of the territorial system plan will reflect these changes.	In progress
Explore how Parks Canada's, Department of Fisheries and Oceans', and Environment Canada's policies and systems plans relate to the NWT-PAS.		These agencies met with the NWT-PAS Advisory Committee in December 2000 to explain how their system plans relate to the NWT-PAS and have agreed to work with the PAS in the review of their policies and systems plans.	Ongoing
Prepare plans to establish protected areas in the NWT's marine and freshwater ecosystems.	3 years	A Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Initiative was established in June 2000. Part of this work involves assessing potential Marine Protected Areas in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.	In progress

Establishing Basic Building Blocks *(continued)*

ACTION COMMITMENT	TIMELINE	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
RWED will review territorial conservation mechanisms and park guidelines:			In progress
• Review draft Parks Program Guidelines and amend if necessary to be consistent with the Strategy. Affirm its status as policy to support the establishment and operation of territorial parks.	1 year	Guidelines to be finalized by the fall of 2002.	
• Review draft regulations for Critical Wildlife Areas under the NWT Wildlife Act, revise as necessary and seek formal adoption by the GNWT Cabinet.	1 year	A Wildlife Act Review is underway. Consultations have take place with the general public and First Nations. Standing Committee to review progress and recommend changes.	
• Review related regulations, legislation and policies, amending where necessary to be consistent with the Strategy.	2 years	The review of the *Territorial Parks Act* starting in January 2002.	
Assess potential new mechanisms for protected area designations.	2 years	A background report on legislative mechanisms was completed. The NWT-PAS Advisory Committee accepted the report in September 2000.	In progress
DIAND and RWED will develop an effective non-renewable assessment process for high priority candidate protected areas.	1 year	*Guidelines for Non-renewable Resource Assessment* were developed and adopted by the NWT-PAS Advisory Committee in June 2001.	Complete
DIAND will develop standardized guidelines that clearly define when and how interim protection should be applied to priority candidate sites.	1 year	NWT-PAS Advisory Committee developed and adopted the *Guidelines for Interim Protection of Candidate Protected Areas* in June 2001.	Complete
DIAND will develop standardized guidelines that clearly define when and how compensation should be provided to third party interests facing expropriation or other negative impacts resulting from creating or modifying a protected area.	1 year	NWT-PAS Advisory Committee adopted the *Guidelines for Compensation of Third Party Interests* in June 2001.	Complete

Non-renewable resource assessment guidelines are used to identify the economic values of an area through an assessment of mineral, petroleum and natural gas potential. This information will help the community and sponsoring agencies make an informed decision about the establishment of a protected area and its boundaries.

The "Waters of Desnedhe Che" region is the heart and spirit of the Denesoline way of life. Within this area, all the cultural and environmental features of value to the Denesoline people are represented, thriving much as they were in the past.

(Wildlife Lands and Environment Committee, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation)

Figure 1 – Terrestrial Ecoregions of the Northwest Territories

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Identifying and Evaluating Potential Sites

There are eight areas that have been identified by communities or regional organizations through the NWT-PAS. One of these, Sahyoue/Edacho, (Figure 2, Page 9) is the first to reach Step 4, interim protection. Interim protection is a significant stage of the NWT-PAS planning process. Now at Step 5 in the NWT-PAS process, a working group has been established to oversee the evaluation of cultural, ecological and economic values of the proposed site.

ACTION COMMITMENT	TIMELINE	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
Advance possible candidate protected area sites under the NWT-PAS.	1-2 years	The following sites have been identified/advanced for protection through the NWT-PAS : • Sahyoue / Edacho (Figure 2) • Edehzhie (Figure 3) • The Waters of Desnedhe Che • Slave River Delta / Hook Lake • Pehdzeh Ki Deh • Jean-Marie Watershed • Mohwi Trail • Edazawoo Nahdeh?ek'e	Ongoing
RWED will provide technical support to communities wishing to advance candidate protected area sites.	Immediate and ongoing	RWED's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capability to assess ecological, cultural and economic values in proposed sites has been enhanced. The use of GIS applications that are compatible across regions is being encouraged. Access to databases is improving. Technical assistance is being provided to communities advancing proposals.	Ongoing
RWED will conduct a gap analysis to determine the degree to which ecoregions are represented in the candidate and existing protected areas and communicate the results.	Immediate and ongoing	Mapping of ecoregion representation in existing protected areas is complete. New proposals will be assessed using landscape unit analysis when they are submitted to the PAS Secretariat.	Ongoing
RWED will map Landscape Units and assess the degree to which these are represented in existing protected areas and communicate the results.	Immediate and ongoing	A catalogue of NWT Ecoregion/Landscape Units was produced in June 2000 and distributed to communities, regional organizations and land claim bodies across the NWT.	Complete

Areas of Interest Identified by Communities and Regional Organizations

AREA	COMMUNITY/REGIONAL ORGANIZATION	STATUS
Sahyoue/Edacho	Deline	Step 5 – Parks Canada sponsored this site and interim protection was received in February 2001. A Working Group is now overseeing the evaluation and consultation.
Edehzhie	Deh Cho First Nations Dogrib Treaty 11 Council	Step 3 – A comprehensive proposal is nearing completion and once ready will be submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Service as sponsoring agency.
Waters of Desnedhe Che	Lutsel K'e	Step 2 – Area of interest identified. Boundaries are being refined and a proposal for regional support is being prepared.
Slave River Delta/ Hook Lake	Deninu K'ue	Step 1 – Two areas of interest identified.
Pehdzeh Ki Deh	Pedzeh Ki First Nation	Step 1 – Area of interest identified.
Edazawoo Nahdeh?ed'e	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council	Step 1-2 – In April 2001, a core area was proposed for protection under the Dogrib Final Agreement.
Mohwi Trail	Dogrib Treaty 11 Council	Step 1-2 – Area of interest identified and further research and consultation with Elders, harvesters and leadership being conducted in 2001/2002.
Jean Marie River Watershed	Jean Marie River First Nation	Step 1 – Area of interest identified.

As elders who know the land, we can guide the Chiefs to identify the areas of our land that needs special protection, it is our responsibility to take care of the land. There is a spiritual place on the trail where medicine people gathered, they would dress in white caribou skin clothes and would heal people for days on end.

(Jimmy Martin, Grandson of Mohwi)

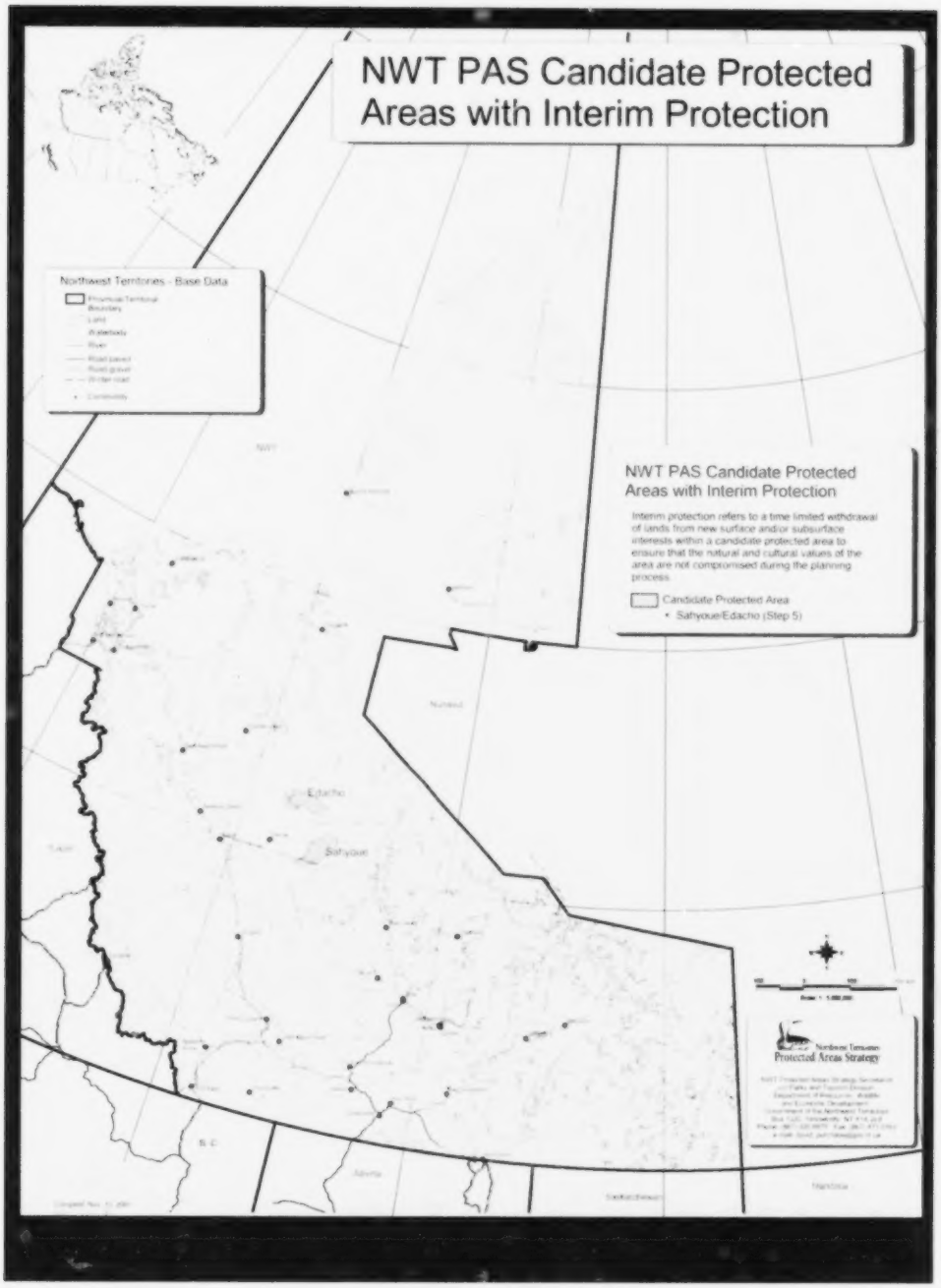

NWT PAS Candidate Protected Areas with Interim Protection
Northwest Territories - Base Data
NWT PAS Candidate Protected Areas with Interim Protection
Interim protection refers to a time limited withdrawal of lands from new surface and/or subsurface interests within a candidate protected area to ensure that the natural and cultural values of the area are not compromised during the planning process.
Candidate Protected Area
Sahyoue/Edacho (Step 5)
Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy

Figure 2 –
NWT-PAS Candidate Protected Areas with Interim Protection

"We need to live our culture, breathe it... I'm hoping in 200 years from now, my great grandchildren can look at those two sites and say, "That is who I am."

Chief Leroy Andre, Deline, Northwest Territories Sahyoue/Edacho Interim protection announcement, March 23, 2001

"Yamoria De ja pursued the beavers. Two of the younger ones he chased over Horn Mountain. A big lake lodge was made by these two. It is called Sa Cho Kzen. In their travels, the beavers went up to the mouth of the Mackenzie River. One flapped his tail and formed Beaver Lake. When they came downstream, toward the Horn River, the other flapped his tail and made Mills Lake."

Madeline Mouse

"Edehzhie was a gathering place and a harvesting area for our people... the concern they have is always the people. Protect the water because the water is the lifeline of everything."

Chief Rita Cli, Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories

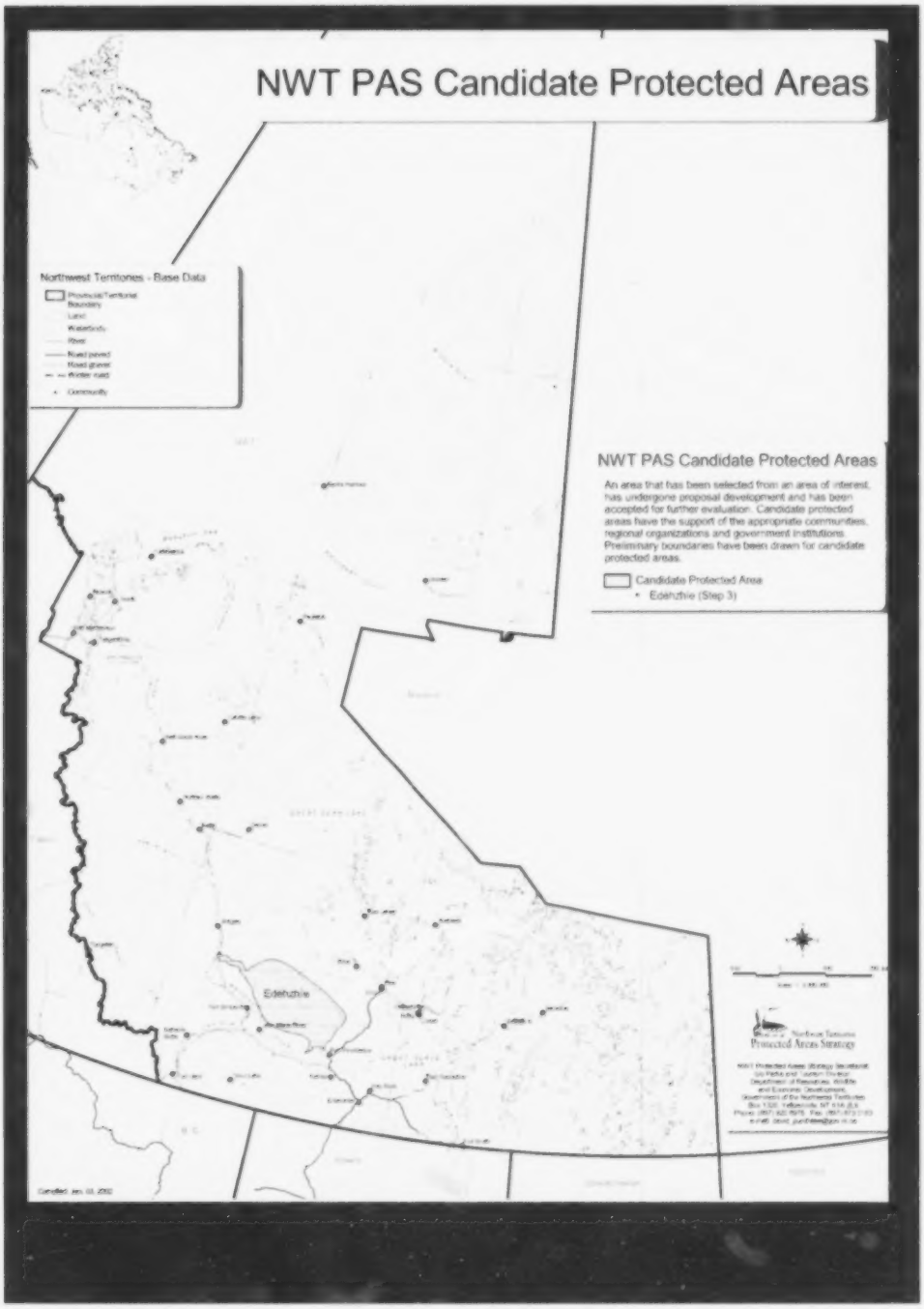

NWT PAS Candidate Protected Areas
Northwest Territories - Base Data
Provincial/Territorial Boundary
Lake
Waterbody
River
Road paved
Road gravel
Winter road
Community
NWT PAS Candidate Protected Areas
An area that has been selected from an area of interest, has undergone proposal development and has been accepted for further evaluation. Candidate protected areas have the support of the appropriate communities, regional organizations and government institutions. Preliminary boundaries have been drawn for candidate protected areas.
Candidate Protected Area
Edehzhie (Step 3)
Edehzhie
Protected Areas Strategy

Figure 3 –
NWT-PAS Candidate Protected Areas

Strengthening Partnerships

From the start, the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy has drawn on the collective strengths of its partners: their goals, values, skills, knowledge, technology and experience. Maintaining effective partnerships and ongoing dialogue is an important element of the NWT-PAS action plan and key to its success.

ACTION COMMITMENT	TIMELINE	ACHIEVEMENTS	STATUS
RWED with support from DIAND will maintain an NWT-PAS Secretariat.	6 months and ongoing	PAS Secretariat was established Funding from both territorial and federal governments continues.	Ongoing
Organize an annual NWT-PAS forum to promote implementation of the Strategy, to monitor its progress, and to enhance communication among communities, regional organizations and land claim bodies undertaking PAS initiatives.	Annually	The first NWT-PAS Implementation Forum was held in February 2000. The PAS Implementation Advisory Committee decided to wait until 2002 to hold the next PAS Forum.	Ongoing
Provide balanced information to the public to promote dialogue and awareness.	Ongoing	A draft communications plan was approved by the NWT-PAS Implementation Advisory Committee. The PAS Secretariat participated in and/or facilitated 22 community workshops. Regional posters are in production to raise awareness of the NWT-PAS. (Deh Cho and Sahtu completed) A video on the NWT-PAS is in production. The NWT-PAS website is being redesigned and updated. NWT-PAS newsletter *Special Places, News and Views of the Protected Areas Strategy* is published two times a year. Straight Facts is a series of summary sheets on the PAS. Presentations were made at the annual Geoscience Forum in Yellowknife.	Ongoing
The Minister of RWED will approach Aboriginal leaders and appropriate stakeholders to determine appropriate multi-stakeholder processes to oversee implementation of the NWT-PAS.	Six months	NWT-PAS Implementation Advisory Committee was established in September 2000. The Committee has met in: • Yellowknife September 2000 • Fort Simpson December 2000 • Deline February 2001 • Paulatuk June 2001 • Rae October 2001	Complete

"It is the vision of the delegates from the Deh Gah Gotiʔe Kue, Tłı̨chǫ yhdeli and Pehdzeh Ki First Nations that the candidate protected area known as Edehzhie shall be fully protected from all industrial development and that all Aboriginal treaty rights, traditional uses and harvesting activities shall continue."

Edehzhie Vision Statement
NWT-PAS Workshop in Fort Providence, January 2001

Other Protected Area Initiatives in the Northwest Territories

TUKTUT NOGAIT NATIONAL PARK

Tuktut Nogait National Park, which spans 16,340 square kilometres of rolling tundra and deep gorges, 30 kilometres east of Paulatuk, is one of Canada's first cooperatively managed national parks. Its name, "Tuktut Nogait" means "young caribou" in Inuvialuktun, the language of the Inuvialuit, and refers to the calving habitat of the Bluenose caribou herd which is protected in the park.

The Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board is developing a management plan for the park, and implementing a Community Development Plan that was established as part of the Park Agreement. Deline has entered into negotiations with Parks Canada on the expansion of the Park into the Sahtu Region.

BEAUFORT SEA INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLANNING INITIATIVE (BSIMPI)

The BSIMPI working group is evaluating the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan Zone 1a areas as a possible Marine Protected Area, and carrying out socio-economic, ecological and technical assessments. They are also carrying out a number of other integrated management projects including community-based monitoring and a study of Husky Lakes. This initiative is being led by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee along with representatives from the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Inuvialuit Game Council, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

THELON GAME SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Thelon Game Sanctuary, established in 1927, originally for the protection of musk-ox, continues to be one of the richest areas for mammals on the tundra and is of great cultural value to the Chipweyan and Inuit peoples. The Nunavut Land Claim Agreement called for the development of a Management Plan for the Thelon Game Sanctuary. This Management Plan is now in the final stages of review and approval. Through the Plan, a Management Authority will be established consisting of representatives appointed by the Government of Nunavut, GNWT, Kivalliq Inuit Association (2), Lutsel Ke Dene First Nation and Akaitcho Tribal Council. The conservation goals for the Thelon Game Sanctuary are:

1. Protection of the undisturbed natural character and important ecological values of the Sanctuary;
2. Protection of the important cultural heritage of the area; and
3. Utilization of the area for its recreational and intrinsic values.

KENDALL ISLAND MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Canadian Wildlife Service will be negotiating a Management Agreement with the companies having hydrocarbon exploration and development interests in the Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary. This Agreement will recognize the need to maintain the ecological integrity of the Sanctuary by minimizing the impacts of future development in the Sanctuary. It will identify a process for achieving this based on readily identifiable management targets, cooperation and accountability.

NAH'E DEHE (SOUTH NAHANNI WATERSHED)

Nah'e Dehe is a large wild area, approximately 33,000 square kilometres in size, dominated by rugged mountains, sulphur hotsprings, turbulent rivers and abundant wildlife. Nahanni National Park Reserve is within the Nah'e Dehe boundaries. A consensus team was founded to develop a management plan for the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

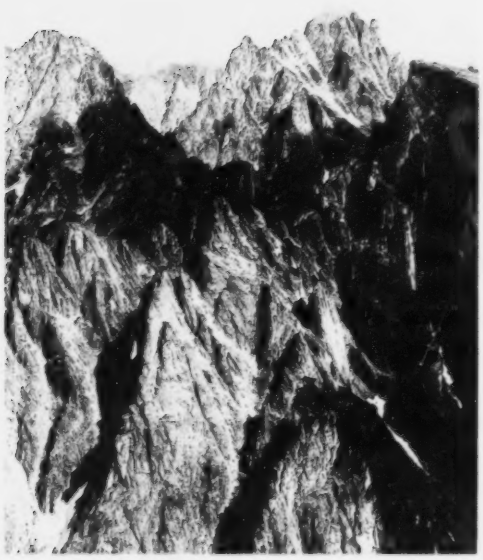
"The Nah'e Dehe Consensus Team will work together to develop a five year plan for the management of Nahanni Park Reserve, using an equal partner consensus approach and will set a positive framework for future cooperation which incorporates the knowledge and values of the Deh Cho First Nations and Parks Canada, and which protects the ecological integrity of the entire Nah'e Dehe watershed for all to enjoy, today, tomorrow and forever."
(Nah'e Dehe Consensus Team Vision Statement)

Opportunities and Challenges:

RENEWING THE NWT-PAS ACTION

In recent years, there has been a surge in interest in the natural resources of the NWT and their potential in promoting economic growth. The NWT has led Canada in mineral exploration expenditure over the past several years, with diamond exploration making up 80% of the NWT total. There is renewed interest in oil and gas exploration, development and transportation in the NWT. In addition, the concept of hydro development has recently been explored by the GNWT and presented to communities and regions in the NWT. This increasing pressure for natural resource development in the North signals the need for a continued effort to identify, evaluate and establish protected areas before opportunities are lost.

The goal of protecting core representative areas presents us with the challenge of establishing a network that collectively represents the biological diversity of the NWT, as well as representing those areas that are of cultural value to Northerners. New, innovative and flexible protection mechanisms need to be explored to meet these goals and to adapt to the evolving role of Aboriginal organizations in land and resource management in the Northwest Territories, especially as self-government, and land and resource agreements are negotiated by the Aboriginal, federal and territorial governments.



Renewed Action Plan – September 2001-September 2003

ACTION COMMITMENT	OBJECTIVES	TIMELINE
1. Continue working with NWT-PAS Implementation Advisory Committee	• Hold three meetings a year to implement action commitments.	Ongoing
2. Advance possible candidate protected areas through the NWT-PAS	• Work towards identifying and mapping at least one possible site within regions without an established protected area network.	Ongoing
3. RWED to complete a gap analysis to determine the extent to which ecoregions are represented in existing and proposed protected areas.	• Extend/update current gap analysis to include proposed protected areas.	Ongoing
4. Encourage territorial and federal government institutions mandated to establish and manage protected areas to develop system plans consistent with the NWT-PAS if these are not already in place.	• Canadian Wildlife Service to complete drafting a systems plan for identifying and establishing National Wildlife Areas.	Ongoing
	• GNWT to finalize its draft system plan for establishing new territorial parks.	Ongoing
	• Parks Canada to continue working closely with the PAS in establishing new National Parks and National Historic Sites.	Ongoing
5. Parks Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Canadian Wildlife Service to prepare plans to establish protected areas in the NWT's marine and freshwater ecosystems.	• The Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Initiative Working Group to complete an assessment of the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan Zone 1a areas as a possible Marine Protected Area.	Ongoing
6. RWED, with support from DIAND, to maintain a NWT-PAS Secretariat.	• DIAND and RWED to maintain the PAS Secretariat through staff, technical support and funding.	Ongoing
7. NWT-PAS Secretariat to organize NWT-PAS forums to promote and monitor PAS implementation and to enhance communication among PAS partners.	• Plan a workshop on ecoregion representation with a focus on the Mackenzie Valley and the Slave Geological Province.	March 2002 Ongoing

Renewed Action Plan – September 2001-September 2003 *(Continued)*

ACTION COMMITMENT	OBJECTIVES	TIMELINE
8. NWT-PAS Secretariat will continue public participation programs to promote dialogue and awareness.	• Produce and distribute two newsletters annually.	Ongoing
	• Participate in community and regional workshops.	Ongoing
	• Finish filming and editing of NWT-PAS video.	6 months
	• Develop and produce three more regional posters for the Akaitcho, Dogrib and Gwich'in regions.	1 year
	• Approve NWT-PAS website redesign and set up an independent web site location. Launch and advertise the new site.	6 months
	• Develop a process for announcing interim protection of candidate protected areas.	1 year
9. Develop ecological and renewable resource assessment guidelines.	• RWED will coordinate the development of ecological assessment and renewable resource (hydro, forestry, tourism) assessment guidelines for candidate protected areas.	1 year
10. Review the Guidelines for Interim Protection, Compensation of Third Party Interests and Non-renewable Resource Assessments.	• DIAND to coordinate the review of the guideline documents.	1 year
11. Develop potential new protected area mechanisms.	• Explore the application of tribal parks as protected areas in the Northwest Territories.	1 year
12. RWED will review territorial conservation guidelines and amend to meet the goals of the NWT-PAS.	• RWED will review and amend as necessary the Territorial Parks Act to meet the goals of the NWT-PAS.	1 year

In May 2001, delegates from the NWT-PAS attended the Circumpolar North Wilderness Seminar in Anchorage, Alaska, along with 80 other participants from around the circumpolar world. They presented a paper on the approach the NWT has taken to planning protected areas. The paper highlighted issues that were discussed throughout the conference, including a call for a more inclusive definition of wilderness, one that includes the people who live there and their relationships with the land.

Appendix I

NWT-PAS SECRETARIAT

The NWT-PAS Secretariat is a point of contact for communities submitting proposals for potential protected areas and coordinates the NWT-PAS process. The NWT-PAS Secretariat is located in the GNWT's Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, and is also supported by the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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Appendix II

NWT-PAS IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The NWT-PAS Implementation Advisory Committee directs the overall implementation of the NWT-PAS. This committee is made up of representatives from regional aboriginal organizations, industry, environmental non-governmental organizations, and the federal and territorial governments. The following list includes current, past and alternate members from September 2000 to September 2001.

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General Delivery
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Mr. Jonas Antoine (alternate until September 2001)
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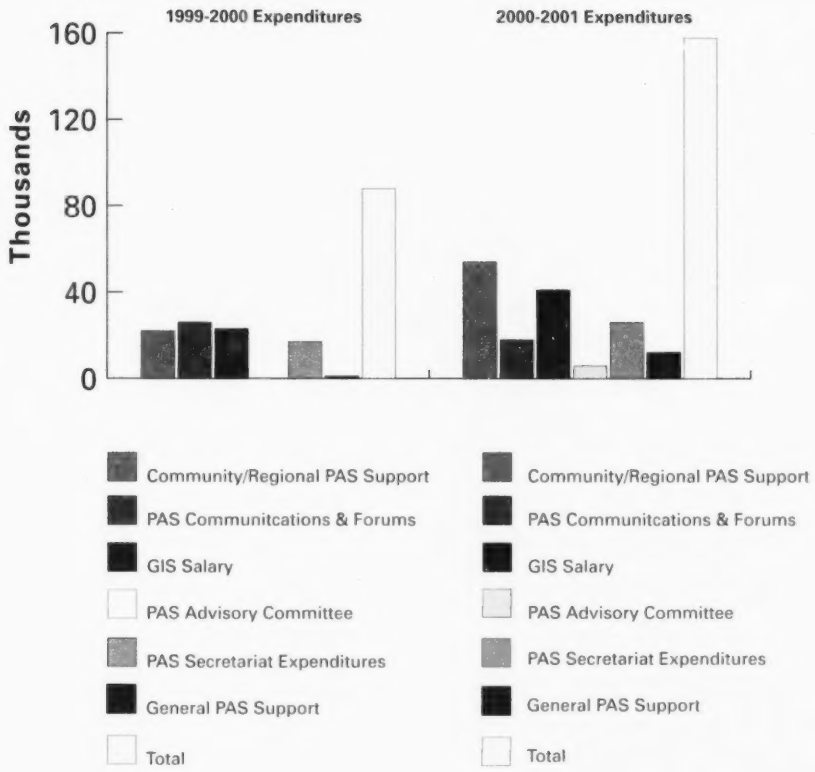
Appendix III

RWED Expenditures



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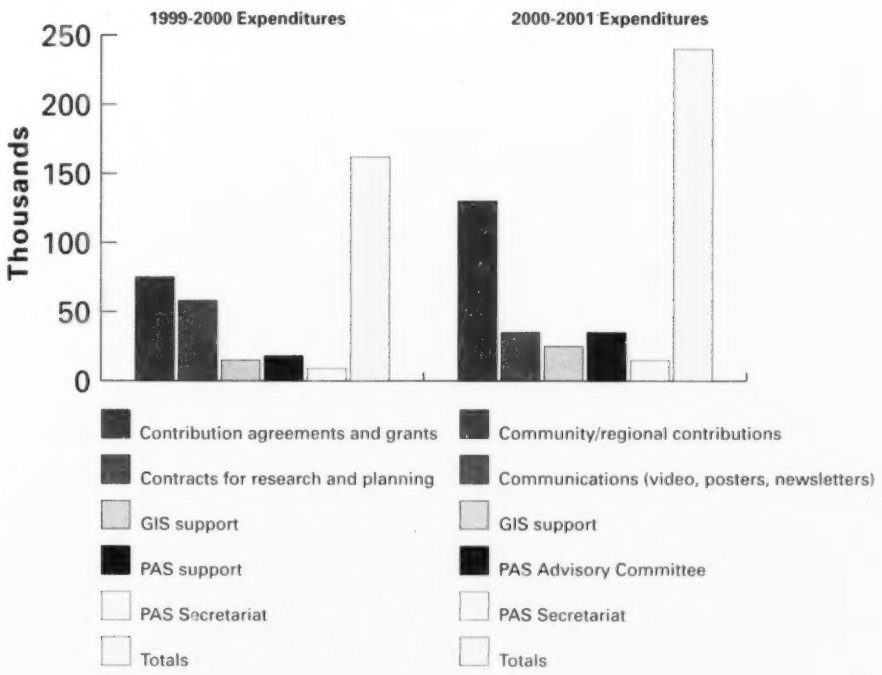

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